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News of Interest for the Alumni of Redeemer College



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## Commencement 1993



*Melanie Beck becomes the Alumni Association's newest member.*



*Class Representative Ken Vander Horst.*

### 100 Graduate in Largest Ceremony Yet

REDEEMER'S SEVENTH graduating class went out in style on May 29 in the largest commencement ceremony in the College's history. Family and friends filled the auditorium to witness the ceremony, which featured speeches by guest speaker Dr. Mariano Di Gangi and class representative Ken Vander Horst.

Di Gangi, who recently retired from the faculty of Ontario Theological

Seminary and from the Pastorate of Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto, entitled his address "Standard of Excellence," quoting from Micah 6:8b, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Di Gangi urged the graduates to look to these principles as their standard of excellence as they moved onward from Redeemer.

Class Representative Ken Vander Horst focused his address on the asterisk, a symbol which until recently distinguished Redeemer College from other universities listed in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) registry. This symbol was also used during the 1993 winter semester for a student-organized tongue-in-cheek separatist movement. The distinction in the AUCC registry was

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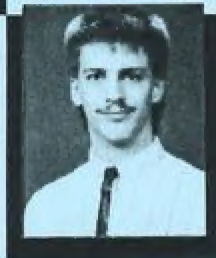


## President's

It is more than an excuse to get together for coffee with ex-Redeemerites -- Your Alumni Board has been a very busy bunch over the last several months! We are pretty excited about some of the new things that we have been doing since Homecoming '92. Allow me to fill you in.

The mandate of the Board is to "foster mutually beneficial relationships amongst its members and the College." While this may seem to be a broad goal for the Alumni Association, the Board has been busy taking concrete steps to increase the profile of Redeemer College's Alumni.

This year, your Association will be sponsoring a new publication. *Eikon* will be an annual journal containing the written and visual



## Workbench

work of Alumni. Many Canadian universities publish literary journals or interdisciplinary 'quarterlies.' Redeemer now adds a distinctive voice to that field of publishing.

This year's Alumni Association meeting will feature a lecture on the topic "Working is for Serving." We hope to address the issue of integrating a Reformed perspective in a post-modern workplace. We hope that you will join us at our annual meeting as we examine the new issues that face alumni.

Currently, a number of Alumni are serving on important committees: Helen Vreugdenhil sits on the Board of Governors and Heleen Wolfert serves as the Alumni Representative to the Academic Council. Also, as reported in the last

issue of *Images*, Rev. De Bolster will be retiring from the president's office effective July 1, 1994. Sharon Timmerman and I have been working on the Presidential Search Committee to find a successor to Redeemer's first president.

There is much going on with the Alumni Association. Why not come down and take a look for yourself? Join us on Saturday, September 25 for the second Annual Membership Meeting of the Redeemer College Alumni Association. If you have any questions about the Association, please contact Tim Wolfert at the College, or ask any member of the Board. See you in September!

Lloyd Rang



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made because of Redeemer's requirement of a faith statement for entry. Vander Horst asserted that Redeemer students, alumni and supporters should be proud of the College's distinctiveness rather than be ashamed of it. Although Redeemer is working toward full accreditation, Vander Horst said, the College must not view its Bachelor of Christian Studies degree as a liability, but rather as a badge of honour, demonstrating the College's distinct Christian perspective. Vander Horst's remarks drew spontaneous applause from among the faculty.

Two awards, the Governor General's Silver Medal and the Redeemer College Faculty Award, were given

during the ceremony. The Governor General's Silver Medal, awarded for study at the Bachelor's level, was given to Ron Oppertshauser, who graduated with the highest standing in his class. The Faculty Award, awarded on recommendation of the faculty to the graduand who exemplifies Christian leadership, academic excellence, and participation in College life, was granted to Grace Hoftyzer.

Additional presentations were made by Judy Heidbuurt and Jeremy Cooper, representatives of the graduating class. They spoke about the gift given to the college by the class of 1993, two mature trees which were planted near the main building.

The beautiful weather made an outdoor reception possible, so graduates, family, and friends stepped out into the front quad for photos, congratulations, refreshments, and, in some cases, goodbyes. The alumni association welcomes its newest members, and wishes them God's blessing in their pursuit of new goals.



Grace Hoftyzer receives the Faculty Award from Dr. Jacob Ellens.



## Association Plans First Alumni Day

What does it mean to have a Reformed perspective in the workplace? What role does or should your Christianity play in your job? How do we take that which we have learned at Redeemer college and apply it in "the real world?" The Alumni Board of Directors invites you back to Redeemer College to explore these issues on Saturday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. as part of a series of events for the Alumni Association.

Activities for the day include:

- The Second Annual Alumni Membership Meeting
- Address and discussion on the topic "Working is for Serving-- Integrating Faith and Learning

in the Workplace" led by former Redeemer professor Ed Plantinga.

- Lunch with alumni and faculty, including a reading by Prof. Hugh Cook
- Dr. Plantinga's booksale
- launch of the Alumni Annual *Eikon*
- soccer game featuring alumni vs. varsity\*

The Board hopes that you will be able to join us in the first in what we hope will be an annual gathering of alumni to examine issues that relate directly to alumni.

\*tentatively scheduled; if you would like to participate, (male or female), please contact the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

## Introducing *Eikon* Alumni Association to Release Anthology

Lloyd Rang

The Redeemer College Alumni Association is pleased to announce the publication of the first issue of *Eikon*, a yearly collection of stories, art, essays and poems by the Alumni of Redeemer College.

The name *Eikon* is Greek for "the image of God". As we continue our walk of faith with Christ, the former students of Redeemer College will adapt what we have learned as students to our jobs, families, and church activities. With *Eikon*, we hope to record the thoughts and insights of a dynamic Christian community.

The deadline for submissions is fast approaching. If you have any material to submit, please send it to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator at the College before September 1. Written material should be no more than 10 pages long, preferably on diskette in WordPerfect or ASCII format.

Copies of *Eikon* will be available at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting on September 25, 1993. If you would like to order a copy, please contact the Alumni Office at the College.

## Delightful!

### Alumni Concert Short on Rehearsal, Long on Excellence

Gregory E. Sennema

The Redeemer College community was treated to a delightful evening of music with the premier performance of the Redeemer College Alumni Choir on June 8. Approximately 800 audience members enjoyed the show, which featured Stephanie VanRooyen (nee Proper, 92), Fred DeHaan (92), and conductor Chris Teeuwssen.

Alumni choir members from all over Ontario left busy schedules for a while to participate in the concert, the first of what is hoped to be an annual musical event. Although the choir was able to rehearse together on only five occasions, Teeuwssen was able to create a unified, blended sound from 35 unique and mature voices.

The Tuesday concert was preceded by a Sunday evening performance at the First Christian Reformed Church of Hamilton. In addition to giving the choir an opportunity to sing publicly for the first time, it allowed the members the enjoyment of singing in an acoustically excellent building.

The repertoire, which included works by Bach, Handel, and Dorsey, was not technically challenging for the chorus members to learn within such short notice. For future alumni concerts, however, Teeuwssen hopes to hold rehearsals at several times during the academic year, a move which will enable the choir to tackle more challenging pieces and will allow more alumni to make the scheduled rehearsals.



## AGENDA for the SECOND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the REDEEMER COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Saturday, September 25, 1993,  
11:30 am, Executive Dining  
Lounge, Redeemer College**

- 1) Welcome and Opening
- 2) Report of the Alumni Representative on the Board of Governors
- 3) Report of the Alumni Representative on Academic Council
- 4) Election of new Alumni Board Members

- 5) Report of the President of the Alumni Board
  - 6) Open Forum on the Direction of the Alumni Board and Association
  - 7) Introduction of the Alumni publication *Eikon*
  - 8) Miscellaneous
- The Board encourages all members of the Alumni Association to attend the meeting. The mandate of the Association, to foster mutually

beneficial relationships amongst the members and the College, needs your input to be meaningful. Tell us what you think of the Alumni Association and Board, what you like, and what you don't like. And most importantly, tell us what you think we should do to better meet the needs of alumni. If you cannot attend the meeting, but you still want to have your say, please send your comments to the Alumni Board. It's your Association!

## Association to Elect New Board Members

Over the past year, Jennifer Brink and Colin Vanderploeg have resigned from the Alumni Board in order to pursue their studies. Also, Don Stelpstra and Willard Vanderploeg, the last two members of the founding Board of Directors, have seen their terms of service finally come to an end. The Board and the Association will miss their input and service. In order to fill their spots, the Board offers the following names for nomination to the Board of Directors. The terms are for three years, after which they may serve a second three-year term.

Elections will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Alumni Association on Saturday, Sept. 25. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would still like to vote, please sign the ballot and send it to:

Alumni Affairs Coordinator  
Redeemer College  
777 Highway 53 E.  
Ancaster, ON  
L9K 1J4

### Nominees

**Wendy Bulthuis** - student at Redeemer from '89 - '92 and graduated from Calvin in 1993. She is now pursuing her Master's in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier.

**Judy Heidbuurt** - graduated in 1993 and is now beginning her Master of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier, specializing in Social Policy and Community Development.

**Gary Miedema** - former Student Senate President, graduated in 1993 and is now beginning a Master's program in Canadian History at Queen's University.

**Sonya Oegema** - former Yearbook editor, graduated in 1992 in business and is now employed as an accounting manager at Goldline Incorporated.

**Steve VanderStoep** - graduated in 1993 and is now beginning a Master's degree at the University of Toronto in Canadian Literature and Philosophy of Language.

**Harriette VanDorp** - former CROWN editor, graduated in 1993 and is now beginning teacher's college at Nippising University.

### BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

for Members-at-Large (choose 4)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Heidbuurt | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve VanderStoep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Miedema   | <input type="checkbox"/> Harriette VanDorp |

FOR PROXY VOTE: Sign ballot and return to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

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date \_\_\_\_\_



# The Class of 1993

*The Redeemer College Alumni Association grew considerably in one day, May 29, 1993, when it gained 100 new members. We again welcome the class of '93 to the Association, and we hope that you will not only participate in the Association, but that you will also enjoy its benefits.*

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Combined Honours

Petra Boersema	French, English
Greg Sennema	History, English

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Honours

Elaine De Vries	English
Susan Fledderus	Psychology
Judith Heidbuurt	Psychology
Gary Miedema	History
Beverly Triemstra	French
Jan Vanderhill	Hons. English, Psychology
Stephen VanderStoep	Hons. English, Philosophy
Harriette VanDorp	English
Ben Westerveld, Jr.	Hons. History, Poli. Sci.

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Major

Geoff Duern	Business
Terry Talsma	Business, French

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Four-Year General

John Aukema	Psychology
Michael Baker	Phys. Ed.
Melanie Beck	English, Music
Harry Blyleven	Business, Phys. Ed.
Louise Bom	Theatre Arts
Paul Brink	Poli. Sci.
Bill DeJong	History, Sociology
Angela Dekok	Psychology
Francine Fledderus	Music
Eric Hogeterp	History, Poli. Sci.
Paul Hogeterp	Sociology

Yvonne Horlings

James Koopman  
Dave Kruisselbrink

Anita Mostert  
Cornelia Mostert  
Terence Mudde  
Ron Oppertshauser  
Andrew Pols  
Karen Schouten  
David VanBelle

Ken Vander Horst  
Al vanDonkersgoed  
Rodney Vellinga  
James Walraven  
Melissa Witteveen  
Jeanette Wyma  
Paula Zondag

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Three-Year General

Marian Bakker	Science Studies Group
Bertina Brouwer	Social Studies Group
Claudia Bus	Social Studies Group
Jeremy Todd Cooper	Science Studies Group
Sandra de Haan	Psychology
Steve De Haan	Business
Scott De Jong	Business
Dini Geerts	Psychology
Carolyn Hielema	History
Grace Hoftzyer	English
Jeff Hoogendoorn	English
Marlene Jansen	Social Studies Group
Jerry Kiers	Psychology
Ed Looyenga	History
John Robert Maich	Humanities Group
Sean-Jason Schat	English
Nancy Smail	English
Jenny VanBelle	Social Studies Group
Miriam Vanderwerf	Social Studies Group
Theresa Vis	Social Studies Group
Raymond Wubs	History

English,  
Theatre Arts  
Biology  
Mathematics,  
Rel. & Theol.  
Phys. Ed.  
Phys. Ed.  
History  
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English,  
Theatre Arts  
History  
Phys. Ed.  
Phys. Ed.  
Phys. Ed.  
Music  
English  
Sociology,  
Phys. Ed.

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Four-Year General and Bachelor of Christian Education

Marvin R. Bierling	English, History
Allen Schenk	Phys. Ed.
Mark Stegeman	Phys. Ed.
Peter VanderHeide	Phys. Ed.

## Bachelor of Christian Studies -- Three-Year General and Bachelor of Christian Education

Linda Blokland	English
Patsy De Jong	Social Studies Group
Jacqueline DeWeerd	Triple Minor
Michelle Dykxhoorn	Religion and Theology
Tamara Gritter	English
Shelley Hoekstra	French
Sheryle Hoekstra	French
Kirsten Jones	Fine Arts Group
Betty-Anne Rozema	English
Frederick Schenk	History, Rel. & Theol.
Kimberlie Schenk	Music
Beverly Scholman	French
Anita Sikma	English
Janice Tigchelaar	Social Studies Group
Karen Diane Uyl	Social Studies Group
Michelle Vahrmeier	Music
Sonja VanderHeide	Social Studies Group
Elizabeth	
Van Den Assem	English
Annette Van Geest	Art
Patti Vellinga	Music
Jody Lynne Werkema	English

## Bachelor of Christian Education

Heidi Baker	John Templeton
Donna Brockway	Joanne VanderHeide
Sheila DeJong	James Vanderlinde
Teresa Dekkema	Debbie Van Egmond
Robert Janssens	Keith Verburg
Kimberly Maich	Angela Zondag
Pearl Samplonius	



## The Personal Touch

**Grace (Sikma 89) and Jim Pot (87)** are living at 15921 106 Ave., Edmonton, AB, T5P 0W6. They have two sons, Jared (2 1/2 years), and Lucas (8 months). Jim is working at West End Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton.

**Mark (90) and Johanna Luimes (Ubbens 91)** celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kristen Johanna, on January 30, 1993.

**David Stuive (91)** is about to begin his third year of teaching at Houston Christian School in northwest British Columbia. He is thoroughly enjoying what he describes as "a great wilderness experience with fishing, hunting, and wildlife right at your back door."

**John (86) and Julie Bouwers (Van Gorp 87)** are living in St. Catherines, where John is the minister of Immanuel Orthodox Reformed Church. Julie graduated as an Elementary school teacher from Dordt College in 1991. They have been blessed with three children, Rachel, Hannah, and Nathanael (born January 1993).

**John Scheerhorn (91) and his wife, Monique (Vreugdenhil x89)** were blessed with a baby boy, John Tyler, on May 27, 1993. John is working at the Apostle Property Financing in Frankford, ON, and Monique is a hair stylist in Belleville.

**Phil (x87) and Denise Dykstra (Grootenboer 87)** celebrated the birth of a baby girl, Laura Corinne, on February 23, 1993.

**Wilma Nicholls (Lammers 84) and her husband, Tim,** announce the arrival of a son, Bryan Benjamin. He is joined at home with two doting sisters, Melissa (7 1/2), and Katie (4). Wilma and Tim are living at 783 E. Homestead Road, Sunnyvale, California, 94087.

**Lori (Bergsma 88) and Benjamin Ponsen (92)** were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Harmony AnnaLise on January 9, 1993. Ben is working at Wm. DeJong Enterprises in Norwich, and Lori is teaching grade 2 at Jarvis District Christian School.

**Diana Schenk (Pool x84) and her husband William** are thrilled to announce the birth of Daniel David, who was born July 2, 1993. Daniel is the new little brother for Jonathan, Michael, and Alicia.

**George Rowaan (90)** has completed his academic work at Calvin Seminary. He is now serving a one-year internship in First CRC, Chatham, prior to graduation in 1994.

**Edith Van Der Boom (Klein Horsman x85) and her husband Carl** celebrated the birth of a daughter, Nicole Sara, born November 3, 1992. Edith continues to work for the Etobicoke Board of Education, as a Communications teacher. Carl works for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as a Systems Analyst.

**Michael Hoekstra (87) and his wife Judi** have been blessed with a healthy daughter, Janelle Christine, born February 20, 1993, a sister for Joel and Garrett. Michael is enjoying his job as a regional representative for the Christian Labour Association of Canada back in his hometown of Chatham, Ontario.

**Wilma Norg (Feddema x87) and her husband Brian** are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Shailene Brianna, on December 31, 1992. Happy New Year!

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### News of Interest

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